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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL SALE OF SOLID WASTE PROCESSING UNIT

REF: STATE 053254

1. CONGEN IS ACTION POST ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MATTERS.
2. CONGEN OFFICER MET MARCH 27 WITH VAM OFFICIAL. VAM NEEDS SHIP TO U. S. 150 CUBIC METERS, APPROX 50 METRIC TONS, TYPICAL DUTCH GARBAGE FOR REASONS STATED REFTEL. ANTICIPATED ROUTE AND MEANS OF SHIPMENT FOLLOW: LEAVE ROTTERDAM BY CONTAINER SHIP, ARRIVE BOSTON, TRAIN TO DAYTON, OHIO, TRUCK TO FRANKLIN, OHIO RECYCLING PLANT. APPROX THREE STANDARD SIZE CONTAINERS NEEDED FOR 50 TON SHIPMENT. CHOICE OF ENTRY PORT IS FLEXIBLE, BASED FROM VAM POINT OF VIEW SOLELY ON TRANSPORTATION COSTS.
3. ANSWERS TO IMPORT REQUIREMENTS SUCH SHIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE HERE, BUT MUST BE SUPPLIED FROM WASHINGTON. APPRECIATE INFORMATION PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS REFTEL, BUT VAM NEEDS KNOW EXACTLY WHAT MUST BE DONE TO MEET REGULATIONS. CANNOT AFFORD POSSIBILITY SENDING SHIPMENT ON PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS ONLY TO HAVE SHIPMENT REFUSED ENTRY ON SOME GROUNDS. PROBLEM IS UNUSUAL. REGULATIONS MAY NOT SPECIFICALLY COVER SUCH SITUATION, IN WHICH CASE JUDGMENT MAY BE NEEDED. SUCH JUDGMENT MUST COME FROM WASHINGTON, NOT FROM FIELD.

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4. VAM IS WILLING COMPLY ANY REGULATION TO ENABLE COMPLETION SHIPMENT. VAM OPINION, HOWEVER, IS THAT MOST VALID TEST WILL RESULT FROM GARBAGE RECEIVING SMALLEST AMOUNT CHEMICAL, HEAT, OR OTHER TREATMENT WHICH MAY ALTER COMPOSITION OR CHARACTER/ISTICS GARBAGE. DOES HERMETIC PACKING BY USING PLASTIC LINERS IN CONTAINERS SATISFY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS? THIS IS TYPE QUESTION WHICH MUST BE EXPLORED WASHINGTON.

5. CONGEN COGNIZANT DOLLAR POTENTIAL THIS SITUATION. WOULD HOPE THAT COMMERCE CAN RETURN SPECIFIC ANSWERS SOONEST FOR TRANSMITTAL TO VAM. ACCORDING VAM EXECUTIVE, POSITIVE TEST RESULTS LAST OBSTACLE TO FINAL NEGOTIATION AND SIGNING OF CONTRACT. ERICKSON

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